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SUBJECT: LE MONDE INTERVIEW WITH TITO

1. IN A WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW WITH LE MONDE EDITOR ANDRE FONTAINE, REPORTED IN YUGOSLAV PRESS AND TANJUG JUNE 26, PRESIDENT TITO EXPRESSED UNRESERVED CONFIDENCE IN YUGOSLAVIA'S FUTURE, AND ITS ABILITY TO DEVELOP SELF-MANAGEMENT, STRENGTHEN NATIONAL UNITY, AND CONSOLIDATE NONALIGNED POSITION. FOLLOWING ARE SELECTED COMMENTS.

2. FOREIGN POLICY.

CYPRUS: TITO CALLED FOR QUICKEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO CRISIS, CITING IT AS EXAMPLE OF "WHAT DANGEROUS AND UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES FOREIGN-INSPIRED INTERVENTIONS HAVE."

MIDEAST: TITO BLAMED ISRAEL FOR PROLONGING CRISIS BY REFUSING TO WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND PREVENTING PALESTINIAN PEOPLE FROM ACHIEVING SOVEREIGN RIGHTS. IF THESE PROBLEMS WERE SOLVED, PRECONDITIONS FOR COEXISTENCE AND CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION WOULD BE CREATED. ALL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, ISRAEL INCLUDED, COULD HAVE REAL GUARANTEES FOR THEIR
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INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE. THIS WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE

THE HARMONIOUS LINKING OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POTENTIAL WITH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF COUNTRIES OF REGION. THIS IS IN MUTUAL INTEREST OF ALL.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS: TITO SAID THAT ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, SHOULD SEEK TO SOLVE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS JOINTLY IN AGREED MANNER RATHER THAN AS COMPETING BLOCS.

EEC: TITO SAID YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT OBJECT TO EFFORTS AT WESTERN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, PROVIDED THIRD COUNTRY INTERESTS WERE NOT JEOPARDIZED.

FRENCH-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS: SATISFACTORY BUT IMPROVABLE. TITO SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO GISCARD D'ESTAING'S PROJECTED 1976 VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA.

3. INTERNAL POLICIES. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN LCY PRINCIPLES. DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM GOVERNS INTERNAL PARTY RELATIONS. SELF-MANAGEMENT, NOT "CENTRALISTIC MANAGEMENT", GOVERNS INTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, TITO OBSERVED THAT "NOBODY IN YUGOSLAV SOCIETY HAS THE RIGHT TO GIVE CREATORS PRECEPTS OR DIRECTIVES", BUT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION COULD NOT BE USED "AS A COVER FOR POLITICAL ACTION AGAINST THE BASIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND VALUES OF YUGOSLAV SOCIETY." SILBERMAN

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